



CASCADE CITY COUNCIL
SECOND REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Cascade City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Cascade City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Council members Judy Nissula, Debbie Haskins, Kathy Hull, and Rachel Huckaby were present. Quorum exists.

Also, Heather Soelberg City Clerk
 present: Matt Johnson City Attorney

AMENDMENTS TO MEETING AGENDA

MOTION BY: Judy Nissula **SECOND BY:** Rachel Huckaby
 Motion to amend the agenda to add Execution Session (b) and (f).

DISCUSSION: No further discussion

ROLL CALL:	Debbie Haskins	Yes	Rachel Huckaby	Yes
	Kathy Hull	Yes	Judy Nissula	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person, per item, unless additional time is permitted by the presiding official.

No Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY: Debbie Haskins **SECOND BY:** Rachel Huckaby
 Approve Cascade City Council Minutes dated May 22, 2017 with corrections.

DISCUSSION: No further discussion

ROLL CALL:	Debbie Haskins	Yes	Rachel Huckaby	Yes
	Kathy Hull	Yes	Judy Nissula	Yes

MOTION BY: Debbie Haskins **SECOND BY:** Rachel Huckaby
 Approve Cascade City Council Minutes dated August 14, 2017 with corrections.

DISCUSSION: No further discussion

ROLL CALL:	Debbie Haskins	Yes	Rachel Huckaby	Yes
	Kathy Hull	<i>abstain</i>	Judy Nissula	Yes

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION BY: Debbie Haskins

SECOND BY: Rachel Huckaby

Approve payment of bills on the Unpaid Invoice Report dated August 25, 2017 in the amount of \$ 35,391.77

DISCUSSION: No further discussion.

ROLL CALL:	Debbie Haskins	Yes	Rachel Huckaby	Yes
	Kathy Hull	Yes	Judy Nissula	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Rob provided the instructions for the public hearing.

Staff Report:

Opposing Contracting: Letters were read into record from those opposing contracting with the County. The following comments were made during public comment for opposing contracting: Sharon Bixler, Letter from owner of Birch Glen. Rose Advocates, Kaycie Bracht, reiterated the letter. Sally Brown, Inquiry about the SRO and backing up of the Sheriff's office. John Nunez, Need for both City and County. Lavona Woodward, Concern regarding response time and dog at lodge issues (wish the City responded better), and addresses issues of the County. Kendra Jenson, not present. Margie Cook, needs to feel comfortable when calling an officer, does not like the rotation. Mary Heinrichs, would like to keep the department because they are liked, and trustworthy. BJ Ray, not present. Henry Welch, we would like to keep the PD and have them present. Judy Welch, faced overwhelming hardship, learn to work together, the numbers do not matter, would like to take it to a vote, request the county hire the PD. Aaron Cook, Identified the number of hours not accounted. Roy Akerstrom, the PD that live in cascade keep your back. Heather Rust, Needs the PD to protect the bank, need a presence in Cascade. Dee Woodward, need for the PD because of the senior housing, would like to keep both. Don Rawson, County Sheriff might take too long to respond. Troy Scott, believes that PD can do a better job than the Sheriff. Lone Stephens, need the PD to help with break-ins. Dick Carter, take it to a vote. Bill Lloyd, needs to have back-up, find a way to keep the PD. Bill McFarland, look at fixing, states there is a crime problem, response time to long. Mike Drury, would like to see alternatives.

Neutral to Contracting: Letters were read into record from neutral parties. The following comments were made during public comment with a neutral stance: Cynda Herrick, Confidence in Sheriff Bolen, thank you for the work of Gary Raney, this is a luxury. Ronn Julian, Presentation of Petition. Believes the City Council will make the right decision. Bobbie Patterson, tremendous potential, obligation to do what is right, request to have a vote to make this decision, request to find the money to do both. Huston, concerns. Andy Jensen, Neutral.

For Contracting/For Supporting the Council: Letters were read into record from those supporting contracting with the County. The following comments were made during public comment for contracting with Valley County: Tom Byrne, In favor of consolidation. Mike Fackrell, believes the service would be good, reminder PD officers live out of town. James Zemlicka, need to be fiscally responsible. Rachel Smith, financially makes sense to contract. Rick Thurston, support of the Sheriff taking care of the policing.

NEW BUSINESS

Policing Contracting

DISCUSSION: Rachel Huckaby made reiterated that she is for keeping the police department. She believes that contracting with the Sheriff would lose the identity the City by not having the PD vehicles and not having control. Councilwoman Hull stated that the costs have continually been increased over the year she has been on council. Clerk stated the budget numbers for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year. Councilwoman Nissula brought back the issues to coverage and jobs. Addressed an issue of a PD officer taking a call outside of the City and no coverage for the City during agency assists. Clarified that with the County, Sheriff would be required to immediately provide alternative coverage. If this is a concern, why isn't been an issue until now when the Cascade PD is out of City. Councilwoman Nissula addressed the staffing level of the Sheriff and who they might or night be hiring. Councilwoman Nissula addressed the data and how it can be interpreted in your own way. Made a comparison to City of Cascade paying a Sewer Engineer to make a decision in his industry to help determine the needs of the Sewer System. Same goes for GAR, Inc. to help make a decision in policing industry as well. Addressing the possibility of decreasing the taxes to help increase the homes being built in the City. Councilwoman Huckaby inquired regarding lowering the taxes, and that by contracting we could lower the taxes to the citizens. Councilwoman Haskins stated that she does not take this decision lightly, and that we all did a lot of research. She recommends taking to the ballot for an advisory vote. Councilwoman Hull reiterated the information taken from the Community Review helped form this decision, she takes that the money should be reallocated. Interested in the status of equipment and what can be done with it. Interested in the ability to City owed property that is tax exempt property to increase revenue. Addressed the "wind-down costs" to the City. Also interested in the start-up time-line. Councilwoman Hull stated that we don't have control over the Police Department, or over any department. Issues of the City model and the control over the employees and city functions. Issues of how do you not try, you don't know if it will work until you try contracting with the PD. Councilwoman Huckaby stated that training for starting up would be double because you would have to pay the Sheriff and for start-up. Addressed the need to put money away, but more importantly be optimistic that this will work... spending time on how it is going to fail... when you should be in it so it succeeds.

MOTION BY: Rachel Huckaby

SECOND BY: Debbie Haskins

Motion to NOT go forward with Contracting Policing Services with the County. Motion Failed

DISCUSSION: Councilwoman Haskins stated she has heard both sides, and this is a difficult decision to make. Councilwoman Nissula stated we don't know what the County is going to charge, but more importantly what is it going to cost the City in the future. Councilwoman Nissula stated that we need to reduce the duplication of services. Councilwoman Huckaby stated the police department and sheriff are different... the county will not provide a personal service. Councilwoman Hull asked, Why would they not? Councilwoman Haskins stated we would have a contract so that we would have that service. If we hired two new guys they would have to get to know the community just as well. Discussion regarding departmental issues and requiring the employees to do is required of them. Councilwoman Haskins stated that she has the utmost confidence that the Sheriff would do a great job. Councilwoman Haskins stated that the...

ROLL CALL: Debbie Haskins No Rachel Huckaby Yes
Kathy Hull No Judy Nissula No

Motion to move forward with contracting negotiations with the Valley County Sheriff.

MOTION BY: Judy Nissula **SECOND BY:** Kathy Hull

DISCUSSION: Further discussion. Deadline to get the ballot language to the county for putting this on the ballot would be September 18th. Discussion regarding putting this on the ballot. Discussion that putting this up for a vote is something that would be just pushing this off, the petition already stated they wanted the City Council to vote.

ROLL CALL: Debbie Haskins Yes Rachel Huckaby No
Kathy Hull Yes Judy Nissula Yes

Golf Course Sub-Lease

DISCUSSION: Updated on the sublease and the purpose of the agreement. Matt was asked to update on the lease language and the purpose.

MOTION BY: Debbie Haskins **SECOND BY:** Kathy Hull

Motion to accept the Sub-Lease and Concession Agreement for the Management, Operation, and Maintenance of Golf Course Restaurant... listens to tape.

DISCUSSION: No further discussion

ROLL CALL: Debbie Haskins Yes Rachel Huckaby Yes
Kathy Hull Yes Judy Nissula Yes

Idaho Outdoor Public Lands

DISCUSSION: Inquiry as the purpose of the letter.

MOTION BY: Rachel Huckaby **SECOND BY:** Kathy Hull

Motion not to sign the letter.

DISCUSSION: No further discussion

ROLL CALL: Debbie Haskins Yes Rachel Huckaby Yes
Kathy Hull Yes Judy Nissula Yes

Kashuta Hole No. 9

DISCUSSION: Update from Ron Julian regarding

MOTION BY: **SECOND BY:**

Tabled

Executive Session

DISCUSSION: Motion to go into executive discussion.

MOTION BY: Judy Nissula **SECOND BY:** Debbie Haskins

ROLL CALL: Debbie Haskins Yes Rachel Huckaby Yes
Kathy Hull Yes Judy Nissula Yes

DISCUSSION: Motion to go Out of Executive Session.

MOTION BY: Judy Nissula **SECOND BY:** Debbie Haskins

ROLL CALL: Debbie Haskins Yes Rachel Huckaby Yes
Kathy Hull Yes Judy Nissula Yes

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN: **SECOND BY:**

ALL IN FAVOR: Debbie Haskins *Aye* Rachel Huckaby *Aye*
Kathy Hull *Aye* Judy Nissula *Aye*

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Respectfully submitted and Attested by,

Approved

Heather Soelberg, Clerk/Treasurer

Rob Terry, Mayor